

REMARKS

Claim 36 has been canceled without prejudice. Claims 23, 26, 29, 33-37 and 39 have been amended.

First, Applicant is submitting herewith a terminal disclaimer to overcome the obviousness-type double patenting rejection over USP 6,616,498.

Second, the allowance of claim 42 is gratefully acknowledged.

Third, the allowability of claims 26, 29, 30, 33, 34-37 and 39 is gratefully acknowledged. As a result, Applicant has:

1. Amended independent claim 23 to include the limitations of claim 36.
2. Rewritten claim 26 into independent form incorporating the limitations of claims 23 and 25.
3. Rewritten claim 29 into independent form incorporating the limitations of claims 23 and 25.
4. Rewritten claim 33 into independent form incorporating the limitations of claims 23 and 24.
5. Rewritten claim 34 into independent form incorporating the limitations of claims 23 and 31.
6. Rewritten claim 35 into independent form incorporating the limitations of claim 23.
7. Rewritten claim 37 into independent form incorporating the limitations of claim 23.
8. Rewritten claim 39 into independent form incorporating the limitations of claim 23.

Claims 24, 25, 27, 28, 31, 32, 38 and 40 depend from claim 23, and claim 30 depends from claim 29.

Thus, all claims are submitted to be in condition for allowance. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner has any proposed amendments or informalities that are needed to place the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully Submitted,



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